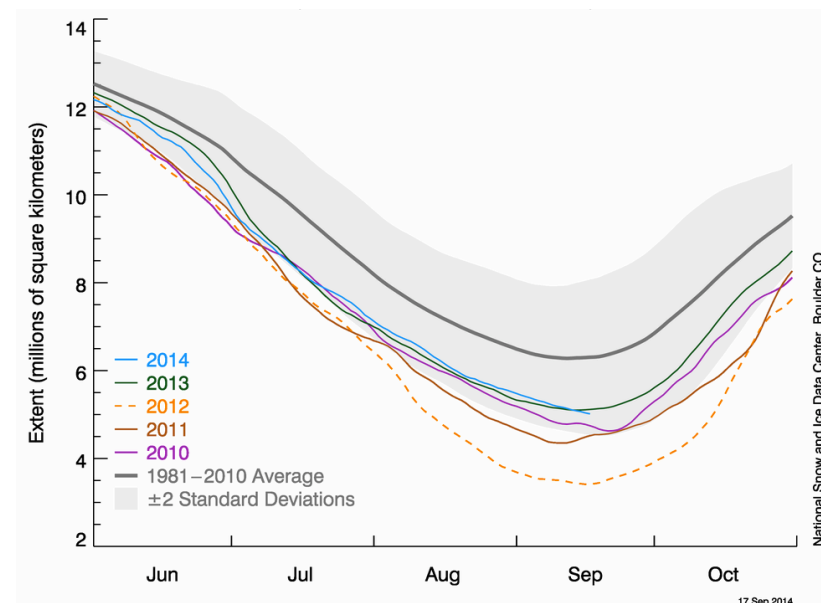
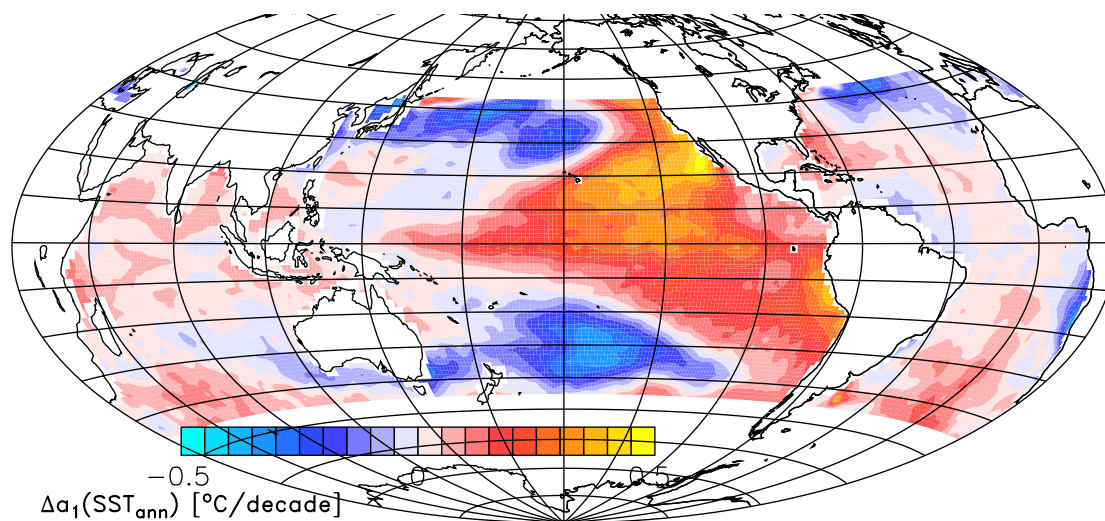


Ocean and sea ice initialization and prediction activities at Climate Forecasting Unit (CFU), Catalan Institute of Climate Sciences (IC³)

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EC-Earth2.3 lin. trend - ERSSTv3b lin. trend (1979-2012)



Ocean initial conditions for EC-Earth3.1 climate predictions

Source: GLORYS2v1 reanalysis (1993-2009) ORCA025L75

From GLORYS2v1 restarts:

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Source: ORAS4 reanalysis (1958-2013) ORCA1L42

From ORAS4 restarts:

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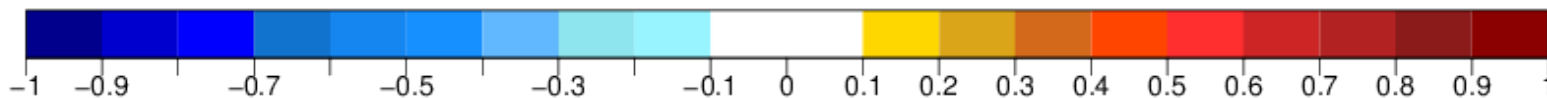
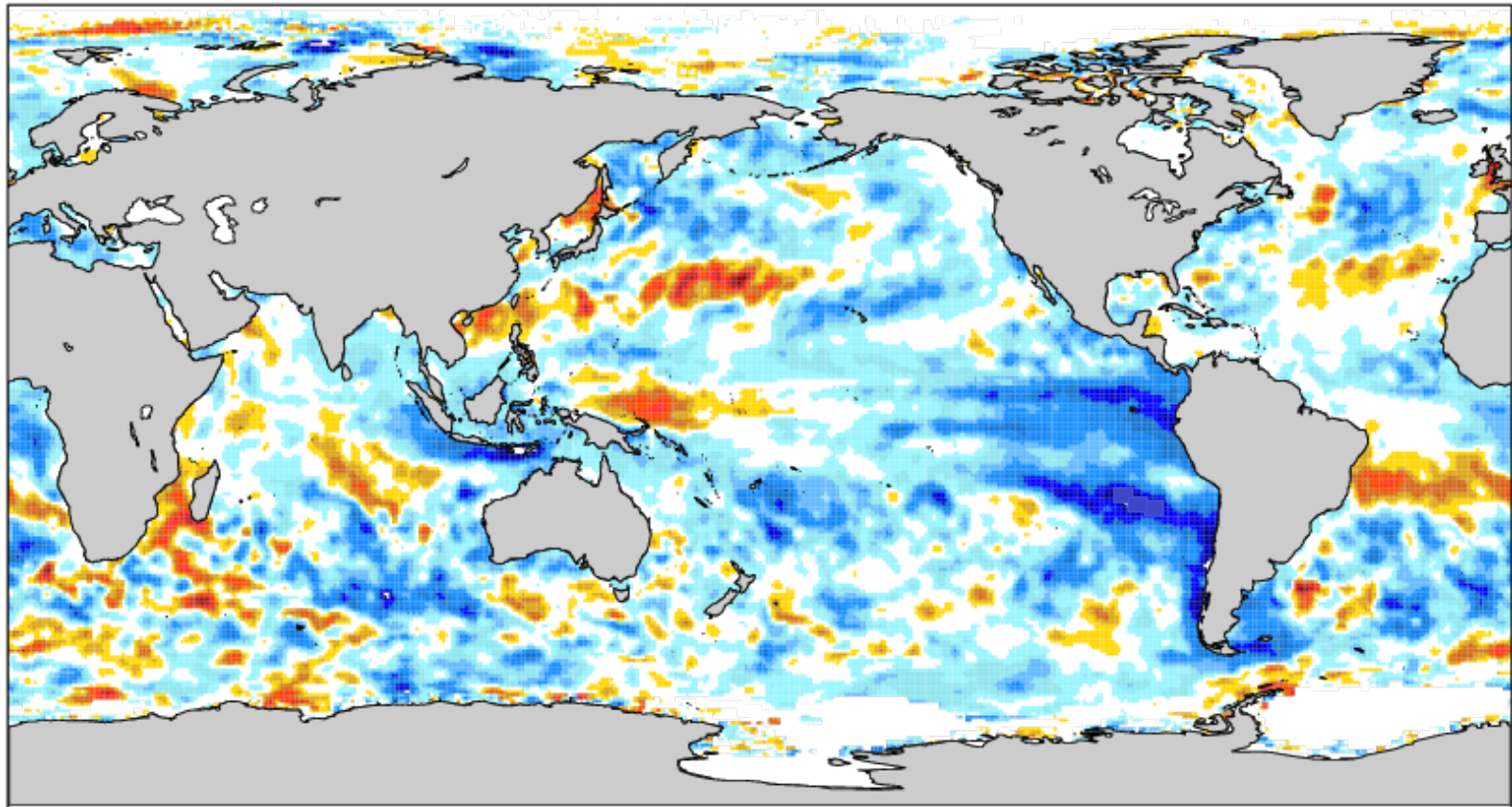
More information : https://dev.ec-earth.org/projects/ecearth3/wiki/Ocean_initial_conditions_for_climate_predictions

Testing the ocean initial conditions

- EC-Earth3.0.1 in T255L91-ORCA1L46-LIM2 configuration
- Initialization on 1st May and 1st November every year from 1993 to 2009
- 4 month forecasts
- 5 members
- IFS initialized from ERA-interim with singular vectors to obtain 5 members
- LIM2 initialized from GLORYS 2v1
- Ocean initialized from interpolated GLORYS2 v1 restarts = Interp
or from restarts from nudged simulation toward GLORYS = Nudg

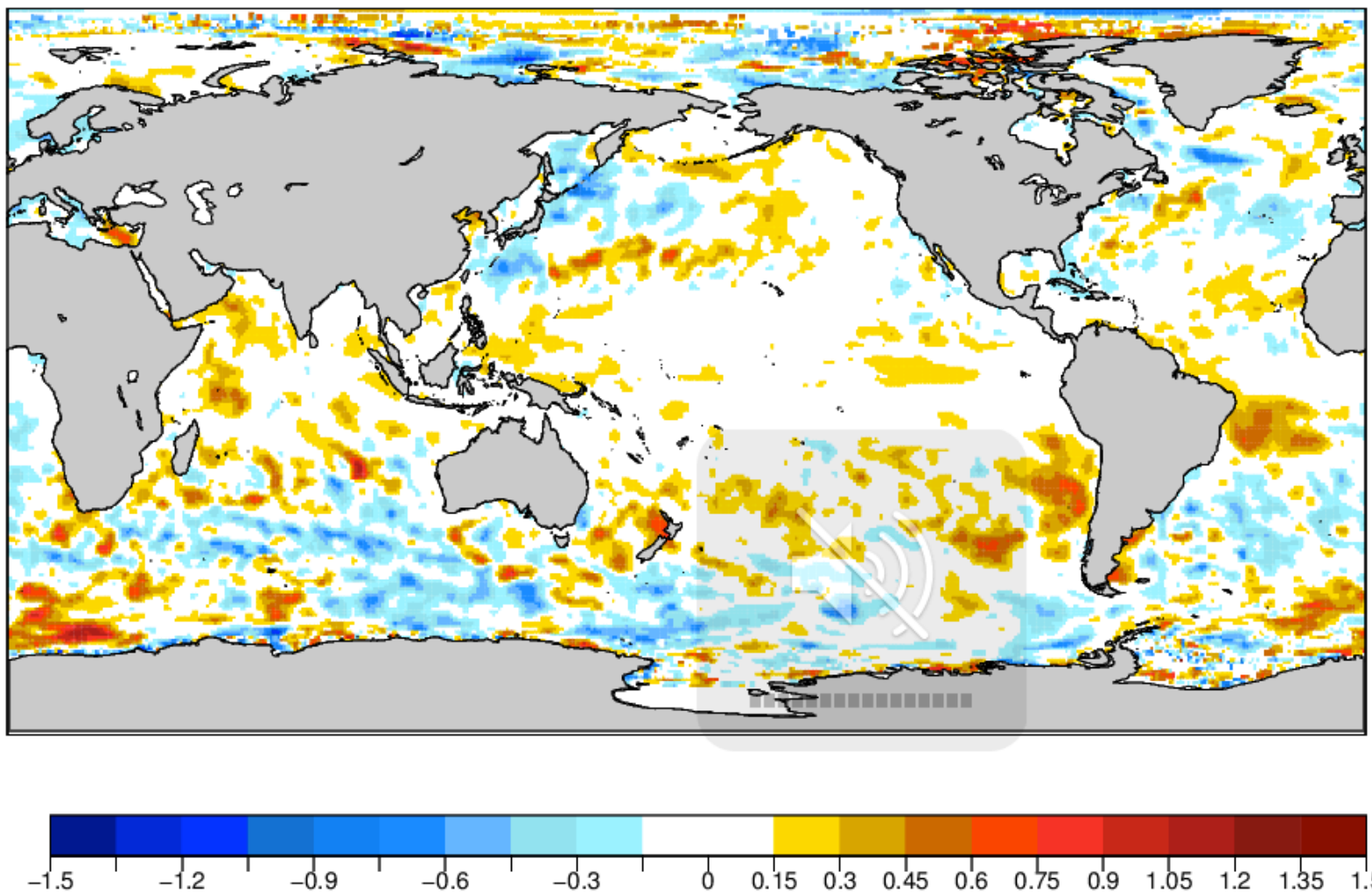
Testing the ocean initial conditions

Nudg - **Interp** correlation skill for JJA from 1st May. Reference: HadISST



Testing the ocean initial conditions

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Future ocean initial conditions for EC-Earth3.1 climate predictions

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Source: ORAS4 reanalysis (1958-2013) ORCA1L42

From ORAS4 restarts:

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Source: GLOSEA5 reanalysis (1990-2012) ORCA025L75

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Source: ORAP5 reanalysis ORCA025L75

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Future ocean initial conditions nudging ocean and atmosphere

Nudging atmospheric dynamics in coupled mode could improve ocean initial conditions due to improved wind stress.

Low skill of current nudged ocean initial conditions might result from long time scale of relaxation (1 year in the deep ocean and 10 days in the upper ocean). Tuning of the nudging parameter will be performed.

Source: Ocean - GLORYS2v1 reanalysis (1993-2009)

Atmosphere – ERA-Interim reanalysis (1993-2009)

From GLORYS2v1 monthly means and ERA-Interim 6-hourly means

- * IFST255L91ORCA1L46 : default nuding configuration
- * IFST255L91ORCA1L46 : tuned nudging parameters

**A 20-Century coupled experiment nudging the atmosphere component only.
What is the skill when only the atmosphere is nudged?**

Source: Atmosphere – ERA-20C (1900-2010)

From ERA-20C sea-level pressure and surface winds

- * IFST255L91ORCA1L46

Sea ice initial conditions for EC-Earth3.1 climate predictions

Source: GLORYS2v1 reanalysis (1993-2009) ORCA025

From GLORYS2v1 restarts:

- * **ORCA025** : original restarts
- * **ORCA1** : horizontal interpolation + extrapolation

Source: IC3 reconstructions

LIM2:

- * **ORCA1** : 5-member sea ice reconstructions obtained by running NEMO-LIM2 nudged toward ORAS4 monthly-mean 3D T and S and forced by
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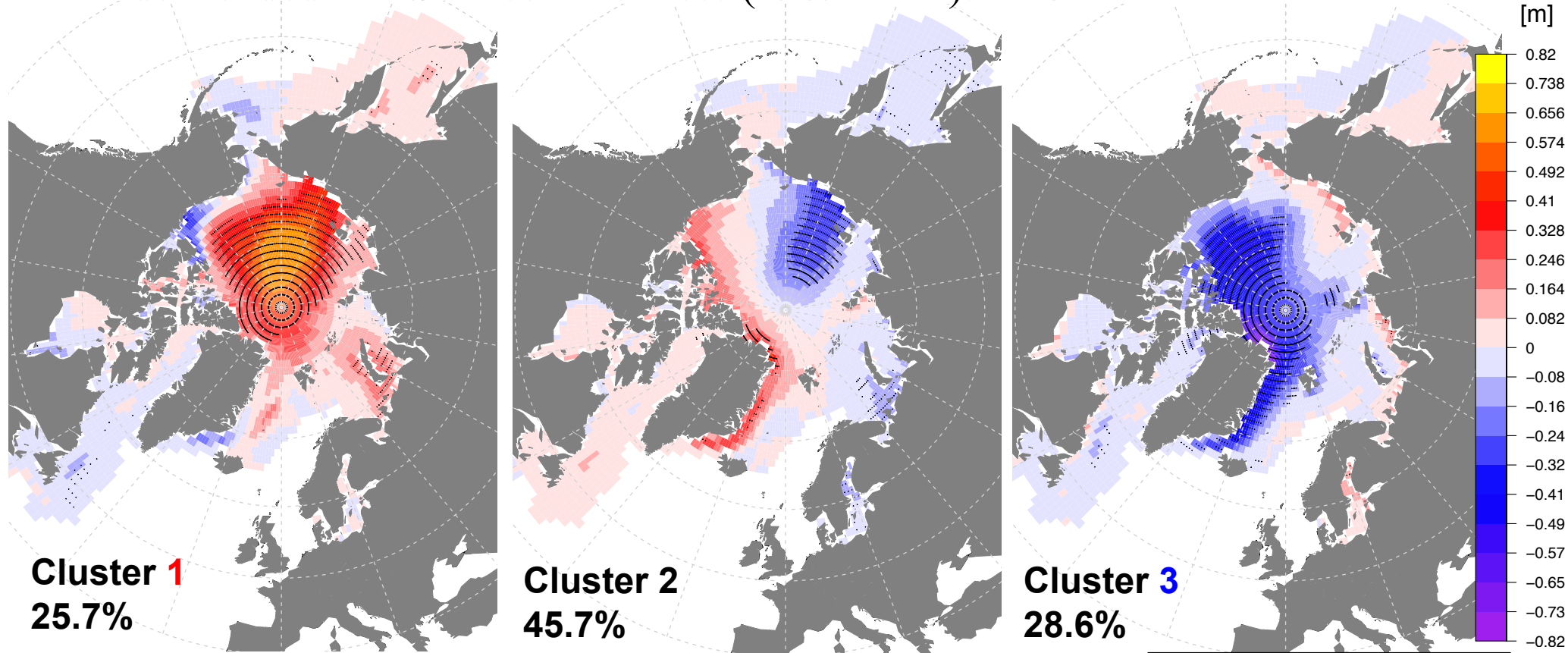
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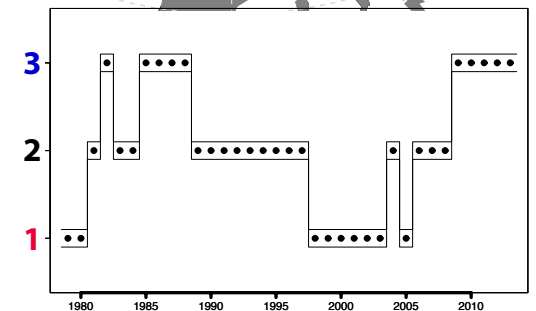
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K-means cluster analysis of IC3 sea ice reconstruction: PICA-ICE

JFM de-trended **i00v** Sea Ice Thickness (1979-2013): **K=3**



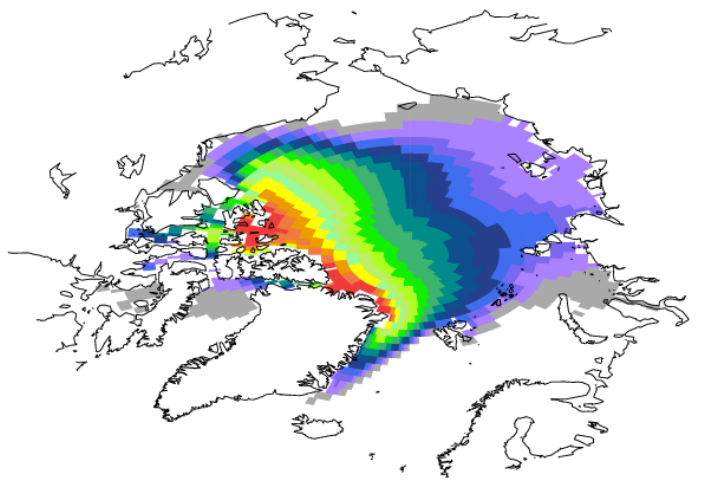
JAS cluster patterns have similar structures



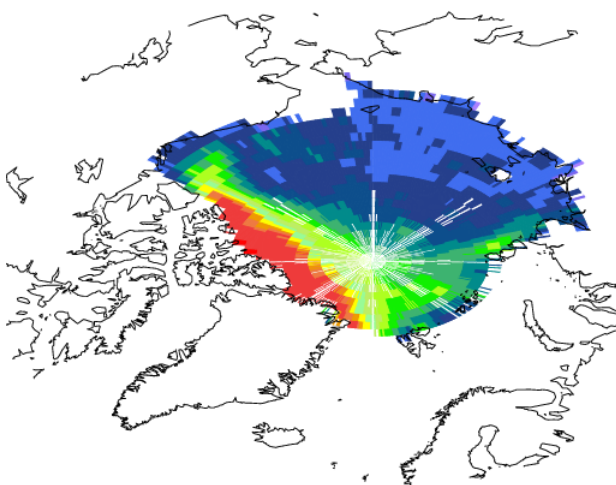
Validation of IC3's LIM3 reconstruction

2003-2007 October-November sea ice thickness

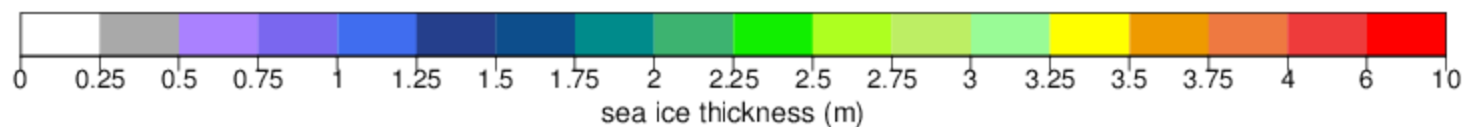
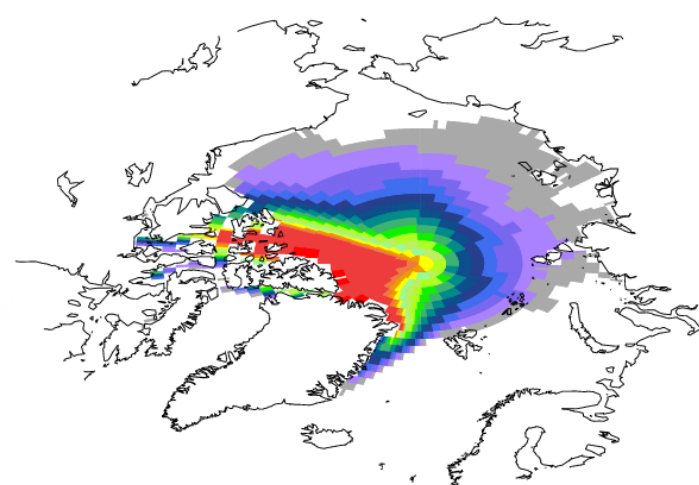
LIM2 reconstruction



IceSat



LIM3 reconstruction



Future sea ice initial conditions for EC-Earth3.1 climate predictions

Source: GLORYS2v1 reanalysis (1993-2009) ORCA025

From GLORYS2v1 restarts:

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- * **ORCA1** : horizontal interpolation + extrapolation

Source: IC3 reconstructions

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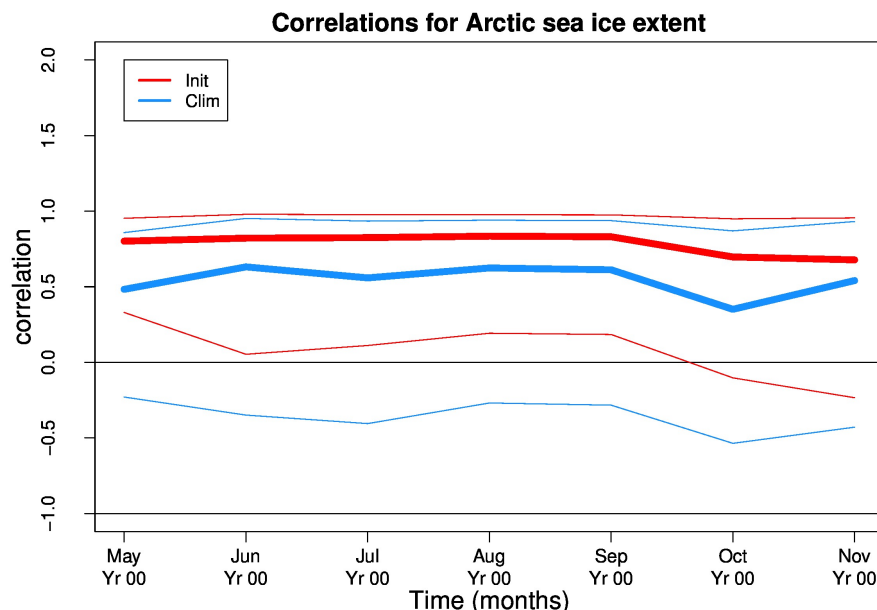
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- * **ORCA025** : 5-member sea ice reconstructions obtained by running NEMO-LIM3 nudged toward ORAS4 forced by DFS4.3 and ERA-interim

LIM3 – 5 categories:

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Impact of sea ice initialization : contribution to SPECS

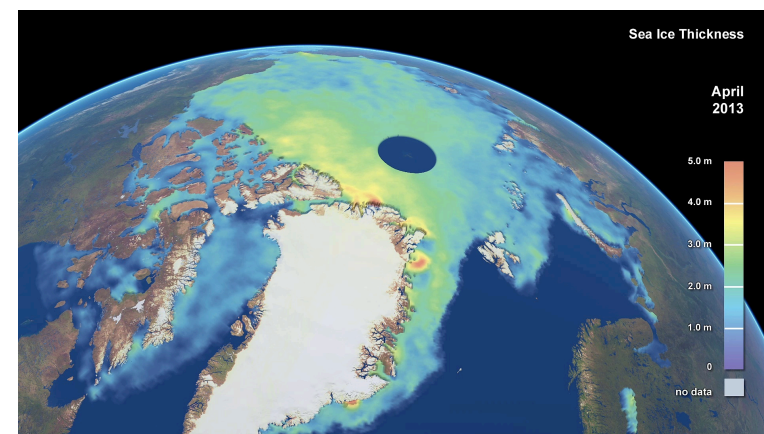
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i00v climatology
- in **Init**
in **Clim**



Clear added-value of sea ice initialization on the Arctic sea ice prediction skill when initialized in May (but with mitigating impact on the atmosphere)

Concluding remarks

- Sets of ocean and sea ice IC are already available (see details on the EC-Earth development portal) → we plan to make even wider spectrum of further improved IC available to the community next year
- Interpolated ocean IC currently enable better climate forecasts than ocean nudging technique, however also including atmospheric nudging and tuning may reverse this
- ORAS4 is better IC source for ORCA1 configuration than GLORYS2v1
- New and improved LIM3 (single category) sea ice reconstruction and the associated IC are available
- K-means cluster analysis of sea ice fields reveals robust pan-Arctic patterns without assumptions constraining PCA
- Added value of realistic sea ice IC in summer are evident in sea ice predictions



Contribution to PREFACE (Enhancing Prediction Of Tropical Atlantic Climate And Its Impacts)

Model: **ORCA1L46** initialized from GLORYS2v1.

Simulations: ensemble hindcasts initialized every May and November (4-month integrations).

Goals are to:

→ Identify biases (with respect to different observational datasets)

→ Investigate possible bias generating mechanisms

